

**REMARKS**

This patent application is submitted for filing in the US PTO claiming the priority date of June 10, 2004 of the international application PCT/US2004/018615.

The claims of the subject international application have been amended to clarify the claimed invention in view of the references cited in the International Search Report.

No new matter has been introduced. Substitute pages 9-12 are enclosed herewith.

Consideration of the preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: February 10, 2005

Varian, Inc.  
Legal Department  
3120 Hansen Way, D-102  
Palo Alto, CA 94304  
(650) 424-5086  
bella.fishman@varianinc.com

Bella Fishman  
Agent for Applicants  
Registration No. 37,485